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Bamboo Summit
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three day Global Bamboo Summit was held in Indore recently and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the summit;

(b) the details of the issues discussed and opinions exchanged about the challenges faced by different stakeholders during the Summit;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released to the various States during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for increasing productivity and optimum utilization of existing resources for scientific management of bamboo sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government of India did not organize the Global Bamboo Summit but it was organized by Government of Madhya Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh State Bamboo Mission in the month of April, 2016 at Indore with the objectives to deliberate on overall development of Bamboo sector like Transfer of Technology for substituting wood with bamboo, to streamline policy and legal framework for felling and transit of bamboo and to utilize the capacity of bamboo as the change agent for poverty alleviation and climate change etc.

(c): The details of funds allocation and release to various States for the last three years is given at Annexure-I. There is no provision of budget for the current year. However, allocation of Rs.75.00 crore has been made in current year budget for National Project on Agroforestry which will also take care of Bamboo as part of Agroforestry.

(d): To promote the sector, Government has adopted an end to end approach for this sector and that includes incentivizing production of quality planting material, increasing the bamboo areas inside and outside forest through new plantation/rejuvenation of degraded bamboo areas, incentivizing value addition, creation of marketing infrastructure and capacity building in all the above areas.